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SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN LEVEL 2: POST-SHIPMENT END-USE CHECK
ON LICENSE 050177954

REF: A. A. 2006 BLUE LANTERN GUIDEBOOK
[B. B. 05 STATE 21858](#)
[C. C. 05 BANGKOK 1191](#)

[1](#)1. This is an Action Request. See paragraphs 2-4.

[1](#)2. The Department's Office of Defense Trade Controls Compliance (PM/DTCC) requests Post's assistance in conducting a post-shipment check on license 050177954 for the export of International Traffic in Arms (ITAR)-controlled aircraft batteries to Thailand. Post is requested to complete this Blue Lantern inquiry within 45 days. Lack of response to a Blue Lantern inquiry will affect pending and future licenses involving parties to this license.

[1](#)3. Reason for request: Foreign consignee, Topcast Aviation Supplies Co. (Topcast) is an entity of concern due to a previous unfavorable Blue Lantern end-use check (see refs B and C) and other derogatory reporting. The subject license was approved given the substantial supporting documentation that was submitted with the application.

[1](#)4. ACTION: The Department requests that Post confirm that the foreign end-user, the Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF), has received the batteries listed below and that the items are being used for the purpose stated on the license application. To date, 345 of the 375 batteries authorized have been exported. Post is requested to confirm if and when the RTAF will take delivery of the remaining 30 batteries authorized for export. Note that this is a Level 2 Blue Lantern check (see ref A) due to the nature of concerns about the foreign consignee, Topcast Aviation.

END ACTION.

[1](#)5. Details of license application:

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QUANTITY/COMMODITY:

5 - Aircraft Battery, Type MS24496-2, SAFT P/N 17315, NSN 6140-01-072-3125
6 - Aircraft Battery, Enersys P/N 9750S0746, NSN 6140-01-458-4863
54 - Aircraft Battery Cell, Marathon P/N 24805-04C, Type 12M220C, NSN 6140-01-040-4408
3 - Aircraft Battery, Type MS24496-2, SAFT P/N 17315, NSN 6140-01-072-3125
50 - Aircraft Battery Cell, Marathon P/N 24805-04C, Type 12M220C, NSN 6140-01-040-458-4863

4 - Aircraft Battery, Enersys P/N 9750S0746, NSN
6140-01-458-4863
1 - Aircraft Battery, Type MS24497-5, SAFT P/N 17118, NSN
6140-00-912-8935
20 - Aircraft Battery Cell, Type M81757/1-4, SAFT P/N
017191-000, NSN 6140-01-099-0251
3 - Aircraft Battery, Type BB433A/A, SAFT P/N 017677-000, I/W
29717, NSN 6140-01-046-1116
113 - Aircraft Battery Cell, Type M81757/1-6, SAFT P/N
023475-000, NSN 6140-01-131-9696
2 - Aircraft Battery, Type BB433A/A, SAFT P/N 017677-000, I/W
29717, NSN 6140-01-146-116
113 - Aircraft Battery Cell, Type M81757/1-6, SAFT P/N
023475-000, NSN 6140-01-131-9696
1 - Aircraft Battery, Marathon P/N 30030-001, I/W 14-60915-3,
NSN 6140-01-096-4272

License Value: 148,953.000 USD

(COMMENT: According to US Customs data, 345 batteries valued
at 144,957.00 USD were exported on 4 September 2009. END
COMMENT)

SELLER:

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POC: Tom Kirsch

FOREIGN CONSIGNEE:

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Hong Kong
Tel: 852-2305-411
POC: Sharon Ng
Email: sharon.ng@topcast.com

FOREIGN END-USER:

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Directorate of Aeronautical Engineering
Air Support Command
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Fax: 662-243-4414
POC: Thavonritt Kavownark, Group Captain
POC: Jamlong Khemaprapa, Air Marshal

PURPOSE:

To support the following aircraft of the RTAF: F-5, F-16,
Nomad, UH-1H, and Alpha Jet.

16. Submitted in support of license application 050177954 were
the following documents (PM/DTCC will email documentation to
Post upon request):

--Purchase Order No. 068217, submitted by Topcast, dated 26
August 2008.

--Non-Transfer and Use Certificate (DSP-83) signed by Clark
Wong of Topcast and Thavonritt Kavownark of the RTAF.

--End-User Statement from the RTAF, dated 8 January 2009,
referencing Contract No. 2/2551P. dated 4 August 2008, signed
by Jamlong Khemaprapa, Air Marshal.

--End User Statement from RTAF, dated 12 January 2009,
referencing Contract No. 1/2551P. dated 4 August 2008, signed
by Jamlong Khemaprapa, Air Marshal.

--End-User Statement from RTAF, dated 22 February 2009, referencing Contract No. 2/2551P. dated 4 August 2008, signed by Jamlong Khemaprapa, Air Marshal.

--End-User Statement from the RTAF, dated 22 February 2009, referencing Contract No. 1/2251P. dated 4 August 2008, signed by Jamlong Khemaprapa, Air Marshal.

--End-User Statement from the RTAF, dated 16 January 2009 marked with RTAF document No. 0611.3(10)/176, signed by Thavonritt Kavownark, Group Captain.

--End-User Statement from the RTAF, dated 22 January 2009 marked with RTAF document No. 0611.3(10)/277, signed by Thavonritt Kavownark, Group Captain.

--Department of State License for Permanent Export of Unclassified Defense Articles and Related Unclassified Technical Data, signed 2 July 2009, approved 22 July 2009.

¶7. Please slug reply for PM/DTCC - BLUE LANTERN COORDINATOR and include the words "Blue Lantern" and the case number in the subject line. POC is Meredith Sundlof. Phone: 202-663-3455; Email: SundlofME@state.gov; SIPRNET: SundlofME@state.sgov.gov. The Blue Lantern Guidebook (ref) is available as a PDF file at [http://www.intelink.sgov.gov/wiki/Blue Lantern End-Use Monitoring Program](http://www.intelink.sgov.gov/wiki/Blue_Lantern_End-Use_Monitoring_Program).

¶8. Department is grateful for Post's assistance in this matter.
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